

HOPE'S DOOR

Embracing Life Free From Domestic Abuse



HOPE'S DOOR CELEBRATES A BUSY FALL!



Assemblyman David Buchwald, District Attorney Janet DiFiore, Executive Director Carlla Horton, and Family Justice Center Director Robi Schlaff at Hope's Door Luncheon.



Horace Greeley High School Principal Robert Rhodes, Board Vice President Martha Kohn, Executive Director Carlla Horton, Board Member Elizabeth Cronin, and Board President Eric Wrubel at Hope's Door Luncheon.



Top: Luncheon Co-Chairs Jean Marie Connolly and Anne Ring.
Bottom: Executive Director Carlla Horton, Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett and Christine Sculti.



Local dignitaries join Hope's Door Board Members and Staff at Ossining Ribbon Cutting.

FALL LUNCHEON & OSSINING RIBBON CUTTING

At Ossining Ribbon Cutting: DSS Commissioner Kevin McGuire, Executive Director Carlla Horton, Board Member Caroline Murphy and Terrence Murphy, Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett.



Hope's Door Staff at Ossining Ribbon Cutting.





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CARLA HORTON

From the Executive Director

We have much to be thankful for – starting with all of the help we received in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, which left our shelter without power for ten days.

We celebrated the ribbon cutting of Hope's Door Ossining! Three hundred teens participated in our 14th annual teen symposium on dating abuse with breakfast donated by Whole Foods. We commemorated Domestic Violence Awareness Month at a sold-out luncheon. We were beneficiaries of Sparkle for a Cause at Crabtree's Kittle House and the third annual Vendor Night at the Whippoorwill Club. The Interfaith Caring Community hosted a Halloween Party for the children in our shelter – a spooktacular time was had by all.

For all of this and so much more, we thank you. Your support of our mission is vital to us and sends a powerful message to those we serve that they are not alone.

In closing, all of us in the Hope's Door family extend to you and your families our very best wishes for a blessed, peaceful and joyous holiday season.

FIVE YEARS LATER - NATALIA'S STORY

When I first went to Hope's Door, I was destitute, alone, depressed and without a job, money, family or friends. One would wonder how I'd gotten myself in this situation in the first place, but let's chalk it up to a series of unfortunate events and a bad case of domestic violence. At Hope's Door, I found hope. I had support and someone to help me navigate the legal and social policy quagmire. However, what was truly life changing was the compassion showed me by some of the most wonderful people I have ever met. They pushed me to think, to stand on my own two feet, to seek help, and to learn to help myself. I remember those lessons and use them in my work as an RN, as a friend, as a mentor, as a daughter and as a significant other. Today I am smiling as I write this, on my couch, in my scrubs, in my own apartment. Five years ago, as I sat in my counselor's office crying my heart out, I could never have imagined that today I would be who I am - where I am. If I had three entities to thank for today, for my life, Hope's Door would be one of them.

Natalia, October 24, 2012

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THANKS TO ALL!

SUPPORT FOR HOPE'S DOOR OSSINING

MARY KAY FOUNDATION

Hope's Door received \$20,000 from the Mary Kay Foundation to support Hope's Door Ossining. In announcing the award, Mary Kay VP Anne Crews stated: "The Mary Kay Foundation is committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Through our grants, we honor and support shelters across the country that are having a profound impact for women and children in their communities."

SEXAUER FOUNDATION

Hope's Door received \$12,000 from the Sexauer Foundation to support children's services at Hope's Door Ossining. In announcing the award, Trustees Tom Abbamont and Jamie Walsh commended Hope's Door and stated: "We are well aware of the great service that your organization provides for the community."

AVON FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

In announcing their award of \$10,000 for Hope's Door Ossining, Foundation President Carol Kurzig stated: "The Avon Foundation for Women is committed to helping end the cycle of domestic violence. It is through initiatives like Hope's Door Ossining that we can work to break the cycle of domestic violence once and for all."



Hope's Door Executive Director CarLa Horton with David Ring and Sara Tucker of First Niagara.

In presenting \$10,000 for Hope's Door Ossining, David Ring, New England Regional President and Head of Enterprise Banking for First Niagara stated:

"First Niagara is very proud to be a lead supporter for a place where those suffering in silence can seek help with domestic violence and relationship abuse."

MORE ON THE FALL LUNCHEON



Karen Herrero, Sam's of Gedney Way; Erin Griffin Loosen, C.W. Brown; Ellen Muentener, Northern Westchester Hospital.



Jane McCarthy, Verizon; Dorothy Forcina; Katy Coppinger, Food Bank for Westchester; and Berkeley College model Krishna Patel.

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Hope's Door seeks to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse.

TALKING TO TEENS

Danielle, a teen survivor of abuse, shared these cautionary notes with 300 teens at our annual dating abuse symposium:

Please know that the first time will never be the last, it will only be the least painful, its bruise the faintest.

Disregard his promises and tears: they are empty.

And as badly as you want to change him, you cannot and it isn't your job.

Your job is to hold on to what you believe in, to never lose sight of who you really are.

You did not deserve anything that happened to you. You didn't love the wrong way, just the wrong person.

Wait for the one who surprises you at home just because they missed your smile, not because they didn't trust where you said you were.

Wait for the one who catches your eye across the room because they can't take their eyes off of you, not because they want to make sure you're not talking to anyone else.

Wait for the one who wants to make decisions with you, not for you.

Wait for the one who genuinely wants to be in your life, not the one who wants to be your life.

Wait for the best, because you don't deserve any less.



Teen Educator Gina Curcuru and Symposium Coordinator Dianne DeFilippis with teens from the Masters School.



Danielle at Teen Symposium.



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